

**SHELTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
382 LONG HILL AVENUE
BOARD ROOM, 2ND FL
APRIL 25, 2012**

Chairman Win Oppel called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:10 p.m.

Roll Call:

John Francino-Quinn
Mark Holden
Arlene Liscinsky, Secretary
Thomas Minotti, Vice Chairman
Win Oppel, Chairman
James Oraziotti
Mike Pacowta
Timothy Walsh
Kathleen Yolish

Full quorum of 9 present; 0 absent

Board of Education Administration present:

Superintendent of Schools, Freeman Burr
Assistant Superintendent, Lorraine Rossner
Finance Director, Allan Cameron
Executive Director of Curriculum & Support Services, Kathy Bender
Human Resources Director, Carole Pannozzo

(1 tape on file in City/Town Clerk's Office)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Hearing

Deborah Keller, 311 Pheasant Glen, President of the Shelton Education Association, spoke about Perry Hill's innovative program called The Perry Hill Compliment and encouraged all to stop by to enjoy the comments by students and staff.

Approval of Agenda

Thomas Minotti moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Arlene Liscinsky; vote 9-0; motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Mark Holden moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 28, 2012, seconded by Kathy Yolish; vote 7-0-2 (abstentions by Timothy Walsh and Mike Pacowta); motion passed.

Staff Recognition

Adrienne Ziemkowicz, School Nurse at Perry Hill, received recognition on behalf of all school nurses for Governor Malloy's proclamation of School Nurses Day, May 9. Mr. Burr outlined the many duties performed by school nurses. Freeman Burr discussed Teacher Appreciation Week, May 7-11, and emphasized the important role of teachers. All teachers and teaching professionals present were recognized. It was noted that the Mayor will be issuing proclamations from the city in honor of school nurses and teachers.

Presentations

Freeman Burr expressed appreciation of Dana Urban's work relative to data visualization. Information focused on grade 3 data was presented and analyzed. Mr. Burr said DRA data including pre and post-performance will be presented in June. Data on transition grades will be presented either in June or at a retreat.

Instructional Update

Superintendent Burr extended an invitation to Board members to attend any District-wide Data Team meeting. There will be a meeting on May 17 at 1:00 p.m., in Conference Room A. Mr. Burr noted that Rigorous Curriculum Design work continued yesterday with Larry Ainsworth in his last session with grades 7-12 teams; based on final budget, determination will be made for continuation next year. Freeman Burr stated he has had exploratory meetings with Valley Regional Adult Ed to move their Credit Diploma program to the former Lafayette School.

Items Voted On

James Oraziatti moved to approve the Shelton High School Graduation date of Monday, June 11, and rain or shine date of Tuesday, June 12; the last day of school to be Tuesday, June 12; seconded by Kathy Yolish; vote 9-0; motion passed.

Timothy Walsh moved to approve a grant proposal for Valley Regional Adult Education: English Literacy and Civics Education; seconded by Thomas Minotti; vote 9-0; motion passed.

Thomas Minotti moved to approve that the contracts of employment for the individuals listed under Groups A and B on the attached not be renewed for the following year upon their expiration at the end of the current 2011-2012 academic year, and that the Superintendent of Schools be directed to advise such person(s) in writing of this action; seconded by Timothy Walsh; vote 9-0; motion passed.

James Orazietti moved that the Board choose not to certify compliance with the State's Healthy Foods Guidelines during the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013; seconded by Jay Francino-Quinn; vote 9-0; motion passed. Allan Cameron clarified that the SBOE complies fully with the State's Healthy Foods Guidelines but chooses not to certify compliance due to the possible impact on student fundraising activities.

Comments by the Board Chair

Chairman Win Oppel noted the Superintendent and Finance Director have been working on the dual fuel option at Shelton High School and that a confirmation letter was received confirming that the warranty on the boilers being considered for modification will remain in effect should a conversion take place. Mr. Oppel said the term of the agreement as originally presented was 15 years and is now down to no more than 5 years. He reviewed some outstanding issues that need to be resolved before moving forward on this project. Win Oppel stated the following Board members have been asked to sit in on negotiating teams:

- Mark Holden, Timothy Walsh – Maintenance/Custodians
- Arlene Liscinsky, Thomas Minotti – Secretaries
- Kathy Yolish, James Orazietti – Nurses

Mr. Oppel said Board members wishing to observe the first round of interviews for SHS Housemaster position are asked to contact the Superintendent. Win Oppel said participation will be limited to two Board members who must be available to attend all interviews for this round on May 2 and 3. A drawing will be held in the event that more than two members want to observe. Members were reminded of the meeting on May 3 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the survey results and the next Lighthouse Project Workshop on May 15 for discussion of board committees.

Reports by Standing Committees

Athletics – No report.

Buildings & Grounds – No report.

Cafeteria/Transportation – No report.

Personnel – Mike Pacowta said the committee met on April 18 to discuss policies on Hiring of School Administrators; Workplace Bullying; and Nepotism. He said all three policies were accepted by the committee and recommended to the Policy Committee for further consideration and then to the full Board. Copies of the minutes were included in the packet.

Policy/Curriculum/Technology – Thomas Minotti reviewed the topics discussed at the April 16 meeting and outlined in the minutes. Proposed revision to Bylaw #9311, Formulation, Adoption, Amendment of Policies, will sit for review until the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. Mr. Minotti asked members to submit any questions or suggestions to Lorraine Rossner. The committee will meet May 8 at 4:00 p.m. Mark Holden recommended striking the word “normally” from revised Bylaw #9311.

Finance – Minutes of the March 21 meeting were in the packet. Arlene Liscinsky said the Public Hearing on the budget will be April 26 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall and urged people to attend. The Finance Committee will meet on May 9 at 6:00 p.m. and on May 23 at 5:00 p.m.

Reports of Special Committees

CES – Arlene Liscinsky gave a brief report. Attachments were included in packets.

CABE – Nothing to report.

NSBA – Kathy Yolish, Arlene Liscinsky and Timothy Walsh commented on various workshops they attended at the conference held in Boston. Freeman Burr shared information about Shipman & Goodwin’s presentation on student bullying as well as highlights from Doug Reeves. Arlene Liscinsky said workshop information can be accessed online at nsba.org.

New Business

Freeman Burr stated the Shelton Education Endowment Fund Advisory Committee will meet April 26. He said the Committee wanted to remind principals of the importance of supporting the innovative grants in the schools. Mr. Burr will apprise the Board of any updates resulting from the meeting.

Jay Francino-Quinn discussed the possible creation of a scholarship fund for SPSS through the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day Committee.

For Your Information

Reports on current vacancies and enrollment were included in packet. The following items were noted:

Appointments:

- Brian Maffucci, to the position of Custodian at Sunnyside School, due to a retirement. Brian took and passed the Merit Test and is on the certified custodial list.
- James O'Donnell, to the position of Custodian at Shelton Intermediate School, due to a retirement. James took and passed the Merit Test and is on the certified custodial list.

Stipend Appointments:

- Cynthia Filicko, Boys Volleyball Assistant Coach at Shelton High School, replacing John Sedlock, who resigned

Stipend Reappointments:

- Joan Tichy, Virtual High School Site Coordinator, per recommendation on completed evaluation

Retirements:

None

Resignations:

- Kyle Dingle, Technology Center Intern, effective April 5, 2012
- Alyse Thomas, Technology Center Intern, effective April 27, 2012

Leaves of Absence:

None

Adjournment

Jay Francino-Quinn moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.; seconded by Kathy Yolish; vote 9-0; motion passed.

*Diane Luther
Recording Secretary – Board of Education
May 2, 2012*